

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system to provide a self-describing media for a computer system. A media device is initialized during a pre-boot phase of the computer system. A description of content stored on a self-describing media coupled to
5 the media device is read by firmware of the computer system during the pre-boot phase. A first portion of the content is extracted by the firmware, the first portion of the content to enable the firmware to recognize a second portion of the content. The second portion of the content of the self-describing media is accessed by the firmware. In one embodiment, the firmware of the computer
10 system operates in accordance with the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) framework standard.